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SUBJECT: TALK WITH MOBUTU: FINANCIAL REFORM

1. I TELEPHONED PRESIDENT MOBUTU THIS MORNING, DECEMBER 11, TO CONVEY APPRECIATION FOR EXTENT TO WHICH GOZ FACILITIES WERE PLACED AT DISPOSAL OF STAFFDEL RICHARDSON, INCLUDING UNUSUAL GESTURE OF SENDING PRESIDENT'S C-130 (PILOTED BY CHIEF OF AIR FORCE) TO FETCH RICHARDSON LATE LAST NIGHT AT KAMINA BASE, WHERE HIS REGULAR FAZ PLANE HAD BROKEN DOWN. I ALSO THANKED MOBUTU FOR THE PERSONAL TIME HE DEVOTED TO MEETING WITH CODEL CLARK, DESPITE HEAVY SCHEDULE OCCASIONED BY OAU CONFERENCE HERE. MOBUTU EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE MEETING, ADDING THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WAS MORE UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES THAN WAS THE CASE AT LAST YEAR'S MEETING.

2. REFERRING TO THE MEETING, I SAID I HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED -- AS I WAS SURE OUR CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS WERE, TOO -- TO HEAR MOBUTU'S CONFIRMATION THAT HE INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE IMF AND WORLD BANK. I SAID IT SEEMED EVIDENT TO ME THAT SUCH COOPERATION -- NOTABLY GOZ AGREEMENT WITH THE IMF ON NEW MEASURES TO STABILIZE THE ECONOMY -- WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT AND, I BELIEVED, POSITIVE EFFECT ON CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES AND AMONG OTHER U.S. DONOR ENTITIES. MOBUTU SAID ZAIRE WOULD "OF COURSE" CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE IMF, ALTHOUGH HE MADE NO SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED NEW IMF PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I HAVE RAISED WITH MOBUTU  
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DIRECTLY THE IMPORTANCE OF MOVING AHEAD WITH THE IMF-"FRIEDMAN"

PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, STAFFDEL RICHARDSON MADE THE SAME POINT DURING OUR MEETING DECEMBER 8 WITH BISENGIMANA, PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR. BISENGIMANA -- WHO REPORTEDLY HAS BEEN RESISTING ADDITIONAL IMF REFORM MEASURES -- DID NOT EXPRESS FLAT OPPOSITION; HE MADE CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT HE THOUGHT ANY NEW IMF PROPOSALS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED TO BE SURE THE GOZ, BEFORE SIGNING ON, COULD IN FACT LIVE UP TO THEM.  
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